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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated October 3, 2005. Because this response is being filed on or before February 3, 2006, and is being submitted along with a request for a one-month extension of time (along with the appropriate fee), this response is timely.

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